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1. PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCED JUNE 22 IS REMOVAL OF DEPUTY
MININT AND COMMANDER OF CENTRAL FORCES, BRIG. MUHAMMAD SALIH AL-
KUHALI. NEW PRIMIN ANNOUNCED KUHALI APPOINTED MINISTER
PLENIPOTENTIARY TO LONDON (WHERE HE CAN COMMISERATE WITH NEW

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AMBASSADOR, FORMER CIC COL. MUHAMMAD AL-IRYANI). AS
REPORTED BEFORE, WE HAVE CONSIDERED KUHALI, WHO IS TOUGH

IMPULSIVE OPPORTUNIST WITH POSSIBLE TIES TO ADEN, MEMBER OF
COMMAND COUNCIL POTENTIALLY MOST DANGEROUS TO HAMDI. REMOVAL
IS STRIKING PROOF OF HAMDI'S DETERMINATION AND ABILITY TO RUN
SHOW.

2. CC DECREE PUBLISHED JUNE 22 HAS ANNOUNCED THAT LT. COL.
("MUQADDAM") WILL HENCEFORTH BE HIGHEST MILITARY RANK. COLONELS
AND BRIGADIERS HAVE BEEN REDUCED AND NO PROMOTIONS FROM MAJOR
WILL BE ALLOWED FOR TWO YEARS. DECREE POINTEDLY STATED THAT ONLY
"QUALIFIED" OFFICERS ("SALIHIN") WOULD BE RETAINED; OTHERS WOULD BE
RETIRE.

3. AS CORRECTION
TO EARLIER REPORT, IT WAS NOT SHAIKH ABDALLAH
AL-AHMAR WHO LEFT FOR JIDDA JUNE 21, BUT HIS CLOSE ASSOCIATE,
SHAIKH AHMAD ALI AL-MATARI. MATARI ACCOMPANIED COL. YAHYA
MUTAWAKKIL, MEMBER OF CC AND NEW MININT, AS MEMBER OF
DELEGATION SEEKING SAG SUPPORT FOR LATEST MOVES OF CC, I.E.
APPOINTMENT OF ANYI GOVT.

4. SANAA PRESS JUNE 23 REPORTS PETITION FROM SUB-GOVERNORS
AND NOTABLES OF HODEIDA PROVINCE ASKING FOR RE-APPOINTMENT
OF FORMER H
BEIDA GOVERNOR SINAN ABU LUHUM.
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